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Addendum

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I. Calendar of conferences and meetings

D. Requests for exceptions to section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243

Introduction and overview

1. At its 406th meeting, on 3 August 1998, the Committee considered a note by its secretariat (A/AC.172/1998/CRP.1) containing requests from subsidiary bodies for exceptions to be made to section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, in which the Assembly decided that no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly.

2. In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee, the requests included explanations as to (a) why the bodies wished to meet; (b) why they had not completed their work by the deadline of 1 September, as laid down in section I, paragraph 6, of resolution 40/243; (c) why it was necessary to meet during the session of the Assembly; and (d) how many meetings would be required. Statistical information was also provided on the number of meetings, if any, that the bodies concerned had held during the fifty-second session of the Assembly and the efficiency with which they had utilized the resources made available to them.

Conclusions and recommendations

3. The Committee on Conferences recommended to the General Assembly that it explicitly authorize the following bodies to meet in New York during the main part of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, on the understanding that meetings would have

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to be accommodated as facilities and services became available, so that the activities of the Assembly itself would not be adversely affected: Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and United Nations Population Fund; Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund; Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People; Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East; Committee on Relations with the Host Country; and Committee on Conferences. (The Committee on Conferences subsequently changed its dates and withdrew its request for an exception.)